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SUBJECT: US SEISMIC SHIP TO EXPLORE IN IZMIR GULF AREA

1. ANATOLIAN AGENCY REPORT, CARRIED IN MILLIYET AND PICKED UP BY AP JUNE 4, NOTES THAT AMERICAN SEISMIC VESSEL "GOEL-I", ALLEGEDLY UNDER GOT CONTRACT, WILL SAIL TO GULF OF IZMIR JUNE 15 TO CONDUCT EXPLORATION STUDIES AS PART OF NEW TURKISH DRIVE TO SEARCH FOR OIL IN THE AEGEAN SEA.

2. EMBASSY CHECKED WITH TPAO AND WAS TOLD SHIP WAS NOT RPT NOT UNDER ITS CONTRACT. FURTHER CHECK PRODUCED INFORMATION SHIP IS WORKING FOR DALLAS-BASED U.S. FIRM DORCHESTER GAS CORP., WHICH HAS GOT EXPLORATION LICENSE. DORCHESTER HAS OBTAINED PERMISSION TO USE THIS VESSEL TO EXPLORE UNDER ITS EXPLORATION LICENSE IN GULF OF IZMIR AREA FROM MIN COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORT, HAS NOT YET RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM TURKISH GENERAL STAFF OR MININTERIOR. DORCHESTER AGENT ASSURES US SHIP WILL EXPLORE ONLY WITHIN RECOGNIZED TURKISH TERRITORIAL WATERS AND NOT IN ANY DISPUTED AREA.
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